

AN ACT CONVERTING THE PRESENT ZAMBOANGA NORMAL SCHOOL INTO THE ZAMBOANGA NORMAL COLLEGE.

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3272, June 17, 1961

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. The present Zamboanga Normal School located in Zamboanga City, Philippines, is hereby converted into the Zamboanga Normal College offering a four-year and a five-year course leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and Master of Arts in Education, respectively.

SEC. 2. The purpose of said College shall be to provide professional and technical instruction in the field of elementary education for the Mindanao region with special pro-visions for the non-Christian tribes inhabiting therein.

SEC. 3. The head of this institution shall be known as the President of the Zamboanga Normal College. He shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon the recommendation of the Board of Trustees. The powers and duties of the President of the Zamboanga Normal College, in addition to those specifically provided for in this Act, shall be those usually pertaining to the office of the president of a college.

SEC. 4. The Zamboanga Normal College shall have the general powers set out in Section thirteen of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, as amended, and the gov-ernment and administration of said College and the exercise of its corporate powers are hereby vested exclusively in the Board of Trustees and in the President of the College in so far as authorized by said Board. The Board of Trustees shall be composed of the Secretary of Education who shall be ex officio Chairman of the Board, the Chairman of the Committee on Education of the Senate, the Chairman of the Committee on Education of the House of Representatives, the Director of Public Schools, the President of the College, and the President of the Zamboanga Normal School Alumni Association. In the absence or the inability of the Secretary of Education, or in the event that there is no incumbent Secretary of Education, the Undersecretary of Education shall act as the ex officio Chairman of the Board of Trustees. When both the Secretary and the Undersecretary of Education are unable to exercise the powers of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the members of the Board may elect from among themselves a temporary chairman who shall act as Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Members of the Board shall serve without compensation other than actual and necessary expenses incurred either in attendance upon meetings of the Board or upon other officials business authorized by resolution of the Board.

SEC 5. The Board of Trustees shall exercise for the Zamboanga Normal College all the powers of a corporation as provided in Section thirteen of Act Numbered Fourteen hundred and fifty-nine, as amended. In addition to its general powers of administration it shall also have the following powers and duties:

- (a) To appoint, on the recommendation of the President law such sums as may be provided by law for the support of the College;
- (b) To confer the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and Master of Arts in Education to successful candidates for graduation;

(c) To appoint, on the recommendation of the President of the College, instructors, professors, lecturers, and other employees of the College; to fix their compensation, hours of service and such other duties and conditions as it may deem proper; to grant to them, in its discretion, leave of absence under such regulations as it may promulgate, any other provisions of law notwithstanding, and to remove them for cause after an investigation and hearing shall have been had;

(d) To approved the curricula and rules of discipline drawn up by the College Council as hereinafter provided;

(e) To fix the tuition fees required of students, as well as matriculation fees, graduation fees and fees for labora-tory courses, and all special fees, and to remit the same in special cases;

(f) To provide fellowships for faculty members and scholarships to students showing special evidence of merit;

(g) To provide rules for its own government, and to enact for the government, of the College such general ordi-nances and regulations, not contrary to law, as are con-sistent with the purposes of the College, as defined in Section two of this Act; and

(h) To receive in trust legacies, gifts, and donations of real and personal property of all kinds and to administer the same for the benefit of the College or for aid to any students, in accordance with the directions and instructions of the donor, and, in default thereof, in such manner as the Board of Trustees may, in its discretion, determine.

SEC. 6. A quorum of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a majority of all its members.

SEC. 7. On or before the fifteenth of June of each year, the Board of Trustees shall file with the President of the Philippines a detailed report, setting forth the progress, conditions, and needs of the College.

SEC. 8. There shall be a College Council consisting of the President of the College and of all instructors and prof-essors of the College. The Council shall have the power to prescribe the curricula and rules of discipline, subject to approval of the Board of Trustees. It shall fix the requirements for admission to the College, as well as for graduation and the receiving of a degree. The Council alone shall have the power to recommend students or others to be the recipients of degrees. Through its president or committee it shall have disciplinary power over the students within limits prescribed by the rules of discipline approved by the Board of Trustees.

SEC. 9. The body of instructors and professors shall constitute the faculty of the College, with the President of the College as the presiding officer. In the appointment of professors or instructors of the College, no religious test shall be applied.

SEC. 10. Professors and other regular instructors of the College shall be exempt as such from, any civil service examination or regulation as a requisite to appointment.

SEC. 11. The Treasurer of the Philippines shall be ex officio Treasurer of the College and all accounts and expenses shall be audited by the Auditor General or his duly authorized representative.

SEC. 12. The registrar, in addition to his regular duties, shall act as the Secretary of the College. He shall also be the Secretary of the Board of Trustees and shall keep records of the College as may be designated by the Board.

SEC. 13. The President of the College, with the cooperation of the City Division Superintendents of Zamboanga City and Basilan City as well as with other Division Superintendents of the region, may use one or more of their elementary school as training or laboratory schools for student teaching.

SEC. 14. In order not to interrupt the smooth functioning of the present curriculum of the Zamboanga Normal School, the faculty, as well as all the other personnel, shall be absorbed by the new College. Salaries of these personnel shall be adjusted at the discretion of the Board of Trustees within the amount available for

appropriation.

SEC. 15. In order to carry out the purposes of this Act, the sum of three hundred fifty thousand pesos is hereby authorized to be appropriated from any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 16. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, June 17, 1961.

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